

Senate Study Bill 1192 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to online learning and continuous remote
2 learning, and allowing certain school districts or
3 accredited nonpublic schools to deliver coursework using an
4 online learning platform for up to five school days when
5 inclement weather causes schools to temporarily close.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, Code 2021, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. *a.* Except as otherwise provided in
4 this subsection or in accordance with a proclamation of public
5 health disaster emergency issued by the governor pursuant to
6 section 29C.6, a school district or accredited nonpublic school
7 shall not offer online learning as defined in section 256.2
8 or continuous remote learning unless the school district or
9 accredited nonpublic school meets the requirements of section
10 256.7, subsection 32, or section 256.11, subsection 17, as
11 appropriate.

12 *b.* A school district or accredited nonpublic school may,
13 for up to five school days when inclement weather causes the
14 school district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily
15 close school during the regular school calendar, deliver the
16 regular school day coursework using an online learning platform
17 that meets the requirements of section 256.7, subsection 32, or
18 section 256.11, subsection 17, as appropriate.

19 *c.* The limitation on the number of school days specified in
20 paragraph “*b*” does not apply to a school district that provides
21 educational instruction and course content primarily over the
22 internet in accordance with section 256.7, subsection 32,
23 paragraph “*c*”, Code 2016.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to online learning and continuous remote
28 learning provided by school districts and accredited nonpublic
29 schools.

30 The bill prohibits a school district or accredited nonpublic
31 school from offering online learning or continuous remote
32 learning unless the school district or accredited nonpublic
33 school meets requirements of Code section 256.7(32) or section
34 256.11(17), as appropriate, or is offering the online learning
35 or continuous remote learning in accordance with a proclamation

1 of public health disaster emergency issued by the governor.
2 However, the bill allows a school district or accredited
3 nonpublic school to use an online learning platform that meets
4 the requirements of Code section 256.7(32) or 256.11(17), as
5 appropriate, to deliver the regular school day coursework for
6 up to five school days when inclement weather causes the school
7 district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close
8 school during the regular school calendar. The limitation on
9 the number of school days during which a school district can
10 use the online learning platform to provide regular school day
11 coursework does not apply to the CAM or Clayton Ridge school
12 districts.